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TWO-YEAR PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM:
METALS, MACHINERY, AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

A. Metals

Production quotas for the metal industries are as follows (In metric tons):

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Pig iron	170,000	370,000
Iron ingot	173,000	--
Steel ingot	--	249,000
Special steel	14,245	64,000
Iron bar	50,000	--
Wire	3,300	--
Rolled iron	1,450	--
Steel plate	47,600	--
Copper (electrical use)	2,498	2,215
Lead (electrical use)	9,046	--
Zinc (electrical use)	7,600	29,450

The Two-Year People's Economic Program, in order to achieve these objectives, calls for the following improvements in production facilities:

1. Restoration of one 350-ton furnace at the Hwanghae Ironworks.
2. Restoration of one 500-ton furnace at the Ch'ongjin Ironworks.
3. Construction of two open-hearth furnaces, three small steel-ingot plants, one medium iron-bar plant, one steelplate plant, one wheel plant, and two zinc refineries. A total of 123 new projects is planned. The government will grant a one-billion-won subsidy for this purpose.

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To assure an adequate number of trained skilled workers for these projects, the government has drawn up a training program to train more workers in the next 2 years.

B. Machinery Industry

Production quotas for the machinery industry are as follows (in metric tons):

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Iron casting	9,200	12,900
Steel casting	6,710	12,769
Machinery	9,420	15,600
Shipbuilding	10,900	14,850

Since the shipbuilding program is the key to successful completion of the Two-Year Economic Program, the government has made the necessary arrangements to invest a total of 1,167,000,000 won in the shipbuilding industry during 1949 and 1950. The construction of a slipway of the 1,000-ton class at the Wonsan Shipyard is the first part of this program.

The sum of 130 million won has been made available for expanding the Pyongyang Automobile Factory. Steps are being taken to expand the manufacture of farm equipment as well as all other machinery necessary for improving the living conditions of the people. Also, every effort will be made to reduce production costs by about 25 percent.

C. Chemical Industry

Chemical production quotas are as follows (in metric tons):

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Chemical fertilizer	372,440	415,600
Caustic soda	13,300	22,000
Carbides	126,000	143,000
Electrodes	13,070	--
Soap	8,760	--

The amounts to be invested in the development of the chemical industries under the Two-Year Economic Program are 580,900,000 won for 1949 and 517,640,000 won for 1950. Development of the chemical industry will include all other chemical industries not mentioned above.

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